From: Gray, David
To: Ryan Vise

Cc: Emily Lindley; Lori Wilson; Richard Chism; Andrea Morrow; Michael Honeycutt; Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller

Subject: Re: Do we have a winner on the AP response?

Date: Sunday, September 3, 2017 1:20:26 PM

Can someone send me the final

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:37 PM, Ryan Vise < Ryan. Vise@Tceq.Texas.Gov > wrote:

Yes I will send to Arkema

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:27 PM, Emily Lindley < Emily.Lindley@tceq.texas.gov > wrote:

Ryan, we should send to Arkema as an FYI since they are mentioned. If you haven't already!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:26 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Share final and we will broadcast also

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Lori Wilson < Lori.Wilson@tceq.texas.gov > wrote:

Good with Em's revision

Lori Wilson Executive Office TCEQ 512-239-1635

<image001.png>

From: Richard Chism

Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 12:23 PM **To:** Emily Lindley < Emily.Lindley@tceq.texas.gov>

Cc: Andrea Morrow < <u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>>; Michael Honeycutt

<<u>Michael.Honeycutt@tceq.texas.gov</u>>; Gray, David <<u>gray.david@epa.gov</u>>; Ryan Vise
<<u>Ryan.Vise@Tceq.Texas.Gov</u>>; Susan Johnson <<u>susan.johnson@tceq.texas.gov</u>>; Tracy

Miller < tracy.miller@tceq.texas.gov >; Lori Wilson < Lori.Wilson@tceq.texas.gov >

Subject: Re: Do we have a winner on the AP response?

Im good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Emily Lindley < Emily.Lindley@tceq.texas.gov> wrote:

My edits below.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:17 PM, Andrea Morrow <<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>> wrote:

Any additions, corrections?

Air Quality Monitoring: Monitors are showing that air quality at this time is not concerning and local residents should not be concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm. Due to quick action and proper preparation by state authorities, all the ambient air quality monitors in the network from south of Corpus Christi to Beaumont were protected before the storm. Since then, state authorities are working to get the systems up and running again. As of Saturday, September 2, over 88 percent of monitors are up and working again in Corpus Christi, 85 percent in Houston, and 36 percent in Beaumont. Of the available air monitoring data collected from August 24-September 2, 2017, all measured concentrations were well below levels of health concern. Monitors are showing that air quality at this time is not concerning, and local residents should not be concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm.

EPA has its surveillance aircraft conducting air monitoring for the Arkema plant fire. Also, EPA's mobile airmonitoring unit will be in Houston to assist with air monitoring as well. Also, EPA's mobile air monitoring Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer bus will be in Houston to assist with air monitoring as well. The TAGA is a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time sampling and of outdoor air or emissions. The instrumentation refers both to the analytical instrument and the mobile laboratory built around it.

Emergency response monitoring at the Arkema facility evacuation perimeter is being conducted. We will make those data available as we are able. So far, nothing of immediate health concern has been detected.

We have established a Unified Command with other state and federal partners, and are in the field conducting rapid needs assessments. The TCEQ will use the available technology that will best support the field activities being conducted, which may include the use of hand held air monitoring equipment.

Continue to monitor the TCEQ's Hurricane Response website for updates:

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes

Hurricane Response - TCEQ - www.tceq.texas.gov

www.tceq.texas.gov

Information you might need if you are affected by a tropical storm or hurricane.

From: Michael Honeycutt

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 12:10 PM

To: Andrea Morrow

Cc: Emily Lindley; Gray, David; Ryan Vise; Richard Chism; Susan

Johnson; Tracy Miller; Lori Wilson

Subject: Re: Proposed response to AP questions with EPA

additions- please review

Tuesday

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Andrea Morrow <<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>> wrote:

Do we know when that will begin? That will make my life a lot easier!;)

From: Michael Honeycutt

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 12:08 PM

To: Emily Lindley

Cc: Gray, David; Andrea Morrow; Ryan Vise; Richard Chism; Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller; Lori Wilson

Subject: Re: Proposed response to AP questions with EPA additions- please review

Could also add TCEQ will soon begin daily updates on air quality that will be available on hurricane webpage.

On Sep 3, 2017, at 12:06 PM, Emily Lindley <<u>Emily.Lindley@tceq.texas.gov</u>> wrote:

What about adding this info in? It's pretty good.
As of Saturday, September 2,

over 88 percent of monitors are up and working again in Corpus Christi, 85 percent in Houston, and 36 percent in Beaumont; and authorities expect that the network will be fully operational again by next week. Of the available air monitoring data collected from August 24-September 2, 2017, all measured concentrations were well below levels of health concern. Monitors are showing that air quality at this time is not concerning, and local residents should not be concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm.

Anyone is welcome to disagree! Just my opinion. It's going in the

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other statement.
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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:57 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

I should have the information about on the ground monitoring around cosby in a few minutes

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:51 AM, Andrea Morrow <<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>> wrote:

David,
can you
give me
a
description
of what
the
TAGA
bus
does?

This is a response to the Associated Press questions:

1) We

we have been told EPA is doing air monitoring at the Arkema plant in Crosby. Can you tell me what

your

monitoring

has

found?

What

chemicals

in what

concentrations?

Where

are you

doing

the

monitoring

exactly,

with

what

instruments?

2) Your

data

shows

multiple

ozone

and PM

monitoring

stations

in

Houston

were

knocked

out

during

the

story.

Was it

indeed

more

than half

of the

ozone

monitors?

When

do you

expect

them to

be fixed

and back

online?

3) Are

EPA/TCEQ

monitoring

air

quality

around

Houston

petrochemical

plants

and

refineries

to look

for

potential

health

and

safety

problems?

Have

they

deployed

any

mobile

air

monitors?

(I gather

these

are EPA

crews

working

in

coordination

with

TCEQ?)

If so,

what

have

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they

found in

the last

few days near the

petrochemical

plants

around

the ship

channel?

If they

haven't

been

monitoring,

why

not? The

startup

and

shutdown

operations

typically

produce

heavier

emissions

of

airborne

contaminants,

as we

know.

Other than ozone and PM10 and PM2.5 are you monitoring for any other specific compounds? 3) What are the state of Texas and the EPA doing to monitor public health near the petrochemical plants and refineries given the extraordinary shutdown and startup pollution and the possibility of contaminants released into their neighborhoods? Will there

be health monitoring?

lf so, by whom? If not, why not?

From:

Emily

Lindley

Sent:

Sunday,

September

3, 2017

11:48

 AM

To: Ryan

Vise

Cc:

Andrea

Morrow;

Gray,

David;

Michael

Honeycutt;

Richard

Chism;

Susan

Johnson;

Tracy

Miller;

Lori

Wilson

Subject:

Re:

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to the
public
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straight
is this
part of
the
larger
statement
from
this
morning?
Or
something
different?
Sent
from my
iPhone
On Sep
3, 2017,
at 11:44
AM,
Ryan
Vise
<<u>Ryan.Vise@Tceq.Texas.Gov</u>>
wrote:
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     good
     with
     the
     language
     Sent
     from
     my
     iPhone
     On
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3,
2017,
at
11:43
AM,
Andrea
Morrow
<<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>>
wrote:
      I've
      heard
      from
      Cory,
      David,
      and
      Mike.
      OCE
      are
      you
      ok
      \quad \text{with} \quad
      the
      start-
      up/shut-
      down
      language?
      Lori,
      Emily,
      Ryan,
      any
      changes?
      Air
      Quality
      Monitoring: Monitors
      are
      showing \\
      that
      air
      quality
      at
      this
      time
      is
      not
      concerning
      and
      local
      residents
      should
      not
      be
      concerned\\
      about
      air
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quality issues related to the effects of the storm. Due to quick action and proper preparation by state authorities, the ambientair quality monitors in the network from south of Corpus Christi to Beaumont were protected before the storm. Since then, state authorities are working to get the systems up $\quad \text{and} \quad$ running again. As of Saturday, September 2,

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Arkema

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Also,

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(i.e.

power

outages,

computer

system

failure, etc.).

From: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>

Sent:

Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:38

To:

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Michael Honeycutt

Cc:

Andrea Morrow; Richard Chism; Ryan Vise; Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller; Lori Wilson; Emily Lindley

Subject:

Re: Proposed response to AP questions please review

Feel

free to add that EPA has its surveil

surveillance aircraft

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conducting
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monitoring
the
plant
fire.
Also,
our
mobile
air
monitoring
TAGA
bus
will
be
in
Houston
to
assist
with
air
monitoring.
Sent
from
my
iPhone
On
Sep
3,
2017,
at
11:35
AM,
Michael
Honeycutt
<<u>Michael.Honeycutt@tceq.texas.gov</u>>
wrote:
     Ah.
     Missed
     that.
     On
     Sep
     3,
     2017,
     at
     11:33
     AM,
     Andrea
     Morrow
     <<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>>
     wrote:
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Не dropped the ozone question, Mike. From: Michael Honeycutt Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:32 AM To: Andrea Morrow Cc: Richard Chism; Ryan Vise; David Gray (gray.david@epa.gov); Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller; Lori Wilson; Emily Lindley Subject: Re: Proposed response to ΑP questions please review On the ozone blurb, you could

add

that TCEQ and EPA send ozone notifications like we always do to subscribers of our notificationsystems. There was nothing unusual about this notification. On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:28 AM, Andrea Morrow wrote: Okay, what do you all think of this: Air Quality **Monitoring:** Monitors are showing that air quality at this time

not concerning and local residents should not be concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm. Due to quick action and proper preparation by state authorities, all the ambient air quality monitors in the network from south of Corpus Christi to Beaumont were protected before the storm. Since then, state authorities are working to get

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The same rules apply for start-up, shut-down activities

however delays may

may occur based upon factors related to the

emergency

in some situations (i.e. power

outages, computer system failure,

,

etc.).

From: Michael Honeycutt

Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:23 AM

To:Richard
Chism;

Andrea Morrow

Cc:

Ryan Vise;

David Gray

(gray.david@epa.gov);

Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller

Subject:

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Proposed

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Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:19:57 AM To: Andrea Morrow Cc: Ryan Vise; David Gray (gray.david@epa.gov); Michael Honeycutt; Susan Johnson; Tracy Miller Subject: Re: Proposed response to ΑP questions please review This is directly from the draft joint response this morning. You can use it. Air Quality

Monitoring: Monitors

been detected.

From: Richard Chism

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in the network from south of Corpus Christi to

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then, state authorities are working to get the systems up and running again. As of Saturday, September 2, over 70 percent of the monitors are up and working again; and authorities expect that the network will be fully operational again by next week. Sent frommy iPhone On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:14

AM, Andrea Morrow

<<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>>

Since

wrote:

Which is correct, 65% or this: Air Quality Monitoring: One of the many preparations for Hurricane Harvey included EPA, TCEQ, and other monitoring entities temporarily removing approximately 75 percent of the stationary air monitoring equipment from the greater Houston, Corpus Christi, and Beaumont areas. Since then, state and local authorities are

> working to get

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September

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2017,

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concern. Monitors are showing that air quality at this time is not concerning and local residents should not be concerned about quality issues related to the effects of the storm.

From:

Ryan

Vise

Sent:

Sunday, September

3,

2017

11:07

AM

To:

Andrea

Morrow

Cc:

David

Gray

(gray.david@epa.gov);

Richard

Chism;

Michael

Honeycutt;

Susan

Johnson;

Tracy Miller Subject: Re: Proposed response to ΑP questions please review I'm good $\quad \text{with} \quad$ $\quad \text{these} \quad$ answers. Sent from my iPhone On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:06 AM, Andrea Morrow <<u>Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov</u>> wrote: FYI, Cory. He has deleted the third question because he understands the nature of the AirNow report. I don't have sufficient information to answer

these questions. I

suggest we say, the TCEQ has reactivated 65 percent of our monitoring network in the hurricaneaffected areas. (Insert EPA monitoring data here or explain why it is not available)

The same rules apply for startup, shutdown activities however delays may occur based upon factors related to the emergency in

in some situations (i.e. power outages, computer system failure, etc.).

Hourly data from the operating ozone monitors in TCEQ's network

	are
	used
	by
	the EPA
	to
	predict
	air
	quality.
	What
	you
	are
	looking at
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	a
	forecast
	based
	on
	one-
	hour
	(snapshot)
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	ppb
	you
	referenced
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	an
	actual monitored
	reading,
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	is
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	of
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	air
	monitoring
	at
	the
	Arkema plant
	in

Crosby. Can

tell me what your monitoring has found? What chemicals in what concentrations? Where are you doing the monitoring exactly? 2) Are EPA/TCEQ monitoring air quality around petrochemicalplants and refineries looking for potential problems? Have they deployed any mobile air monitors? (1 gather these are EPA crews working in coordination with TCEQ?) If so, what have they found in the last few days near the petrochemical plants around the

you

ship channel? If they haven't been monitoring, why not? The startup and shutdown operations typically produce heavier emissions of airborne contaminants, right? 3) 1 saw an ozone level of 201 ppb recorded in Houston on Friday on airnow.gov and Andrea Morrow of TCEQ told my colleague Jason Dearen that the reading was recorded as а single hourly max at one monitoring station. Your ozone level for the

day (95 ppb)

is based on an eighthour of average, she said. But that does not deny that а single station had that maximum level, correct? What station was it? Can you tell me what hour of the day? Did any other stations Very Unhealty ozon levels on Friday or Saturday? Hourly data from the operating ozone monitors in TCEQ's network are used by the EPA

> to predict air quality. What you

looking at is а forecast based on onehour (snapshot) readings. The 201 ppb you referenced is not an actual monitored reading, it is а projection. TCEQ is aware of elevated ozone levels west of Houston which is not unusual for this time of year. 4) What are the state of Texas and the EPA doing to monitor public health near the petrochemical plants and

refineries given the extraordinary

are

shutdown and startup pollution and the possibility of contaminants released into their

neighborhoods? Will there be

health monitoring? If so,

by whom? If not,

why not?